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First Named Inventor	Gruenbacher
Group Art Unit	3751
Examiner Name	K. J. Prunner
Attorney Docket Number	8166M
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
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  - ☐ Suspension of action fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i)
  - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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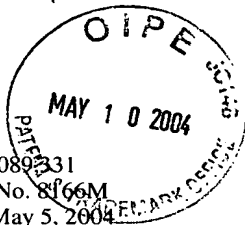
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Application No.	:	10/089,331
Applicant(s)	:	GRUENBACHER, ET AL.
Filed	:	March 27, 2002
Title	:	Applicator for Distributing a Substance onto a Target Surface
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### **AMENDMENT**

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### **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

In response to the Final Office Action of February 24, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks and reconsider the application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.